प्रोजेक्ट्स पोज़ करने हैं। ईजिप्ट हो, चाइना हो, इन्होंने कई प्रोजेक्ट्स पोज़ किए हैं, हमसे ज्यादा प्रोजेक्ट्स पोज़ किए हैं। तो माननीय सदस्य की यह बात सही है कि हमें ईजिप्ट, चाइना और कुछ अन्य देशों के मुकाबले में कम मिला है पर इसीलिए कम मिला है कि हमने ये प्रोजेक्ट्स पोज़ नहीं किए हैं। हम इस प्रकार के प्रोजेक्ट्स पोज़ करना चाहते हैं जिससे हमारे देश को, हमारे देश के उद्योगों को अधिक से अधिक लाभ हो सके और मुझे विश्वास है कि जो प्रोजेक्ट्स पोज़ किए जाएंगे हमारे उद्योगों को राहत पहुंचाने के लिए उसमें कोई कमी नहीं होगी।

Granting Licence for basic Telephone Services in Various Circles

*45. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received just one bid for some of the circles in response to the Basic Telephone Services Tender;

(b) if so, whether the sole bidder in such cases be automatically entitled to a licence if it otherwise fulfils the technical criteria;

(c) whether it is also a fact that for the same tender Government have not received a single bid for some of the circles; and

(d) if so, what action is contemplated in respect of such circles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir. The Government has received only one bid in respect of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh (East), Assam, Himachal Pradesh and North East Circles.

(b) The sole bidder will be granted a licence if he fulfills all the terms and conditions of the tender and if his financial bid is considered reasonable.

(c) Yes, Sir. No bid has been received for J&K Circle.

(d) A fresh tender may be invited for J&K Circle after the present round of tenders is over.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Mr. Chairman, Sir, as the time is very short, I would be very brief in my question. Other Members may also like to put supplementaries. May I know from the Government what are the criteria fixed for assessing the financial bids as reasonable?

SHRI SUKH RAM: Sir, can he repeat the question? *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: What are the criteria for deciding about a financial bid as being reasonable?

SHRI SUKH RAM: The technical evaluation is going on now. It may take about a month. Thereafter, the financial bids would be opened. Only then the final picture would emerge. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: He is asking about the criteria.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: I wanted to know about the criteria. What are the criteria? I ask this question because he has mentioned in the answer here '...if his financial bid is considered reasonable'. What are the criteria fixed for considering a financial bid as reasonable?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Case by case. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Is it case by case or suitcase? *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Can you spell out the reasonableness?

श्री सुखराम: प्रश्न के उत्तर में यह बताया है कि अगर रिज़नेबल होगा, क्योंकि इवैल्यूएशन हम टैक्नीकल बिड्स पर कर रहे हैं। फाइनैंशियल बिड्स का जो भी हाइऐस्ट होगा और उसमें टर्म्स और कंडीशंस को अगर वह फुलफिल करेगा तभी हम उसे मंजूर करेंगे।

श्री सतीश अग्रवाल : हाइऐस्ट कहां से होगा क्योंकि एक ही तो बिड है। इसलिए मैं पूछ रहा हूं कि फाइनैंशियल बिड्स का क्राइटीरिया क्या है? क्या आप तय करेंगे कि फाइनैंशियली रिज़नेबल है?

श्री सुखराम: अगर यह रिज़नेबल है तो...

श्री त्रिलोकी नाथ चतुर्वेदी: हम यह जानना चाहते हैं कि इसका क्राइटीरिया क्या है? ...**(व्यवधान)**

SHRI SUKH RAM: Sir, I have appointed a high-level Committee under the Chairmanship of Member (Production). This Committee would recommend whether the bid is reasonable or not. On that basis, the decision would be taken. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: We want to know what are the criteria; not the Committee's recommendations. The hon. Minister should tell us as to what are the criteria laid down for this purpose. *(Interruptions)* Everywhere there is only one bid. Where is the question of higher and lower in this? What are the criteria? This requires just a one-line answer that these are the criteria evolved by the Ministry.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, may I point out one thing? *(Interruptions)*

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Sir, you should give a directive to the hon. Minister. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, contracts worth thousands of crores would be awarded in the next few days and the next few weeks. There must be a telecom Regulatory Authority of India. The Government is bringing forward a Bill which is highly defective. Would the Government assure us that before the financial bids are opened, this Telecom Regulatory Authority of India would be put in place and the criteria would be properly evolved? I learn, Sir, that the financial bids are going to be opened in the next few days in regard to pagers and cellular phones and the Government and its Committee are likely to decide the matter in a whimsical fashion. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SUKH RAM: Sir, the Regulatory Authority is going to be constituted very shortly. As the hon. Member has stated...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: What is the Regulatory Authority?...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SUKH RAM: Please allow me to speak. The Regulatory Authority starts only when the private sector comes into position. So, when these bids are opened, we know what is the financial position and how much offer they have made.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: After they know, what will you do?

SHRI SUKH RAM: Otherwise, before that there is no function for this...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Who will take a decision personally? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, you may kindly permit a special discussion on this tomorrow. The financial bids are likely to get...*(Interruptions)*..

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have given a notice for this discussion. I will consider it.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Increase in Motor Vehicles in Delhi

*46. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last two decades Motor Vehicles in Delhi have increased by eight times that is from three lakhs to 24 lakhs;

(b) if so, the figure of Motor Vehicles in major metropolis and Ahmedabad during the last two decades;

(c) what are the health hazards of such an extraordinary increase in Motor Vehicles; and

(d) the details of emission of pollution in Delhi and Ahmedabad?